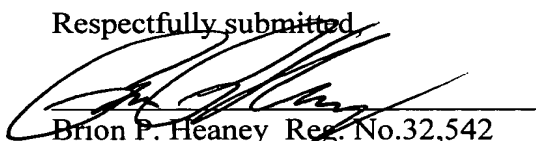


REMARKS

The above amendments merely eliminate multiple dependent claims and revise claim language to be in accordance with conventional US practice. A version with markings to show changes made is attached.

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21. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide according to claim 17 ~~any one of claims 17 to 20~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or adjuvant.
26. A method for diagnostic of streptococcal infection in a host susceptible to streptococcal infection comprising
- (g) obtaining a biological sample from a host;
 - (h) incubating an antibody or fragment thereof reactive with a streptococcal polypeptide of claim 17 ~~any of the claims 17 to 20~~ with the biological sample to form a mixture; and
 - (i) detecting specifically bound antibody or bound fragment in the mixture which indicates the presence of streptococcal.
27. A method for detection of antibody specific to streptococcus antigen in a biological sample comprising
- (a) obtaining a biological sample from a host;
 - (b) incubating one or more streptococcal polypeptides of claim 17 ~~any of the claims 17 to 20~~ or fragments thereof with the biological sample to form a mixture; and
 - (c) detecting specifically bound antigen or bound fragment in the mixture which indicates the presence of antibody specific to streptococcus.
28. A method of preparing a ~~Use of~~ pharmaceutical composition ~~in the manufacture of a medicament~~ for the prophylactic or therapeutic treatment of streptococcal infection comprising combining a polypeptide according to claim 17 with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or adjuvant .
29. A kit ~~Kit comprising a polypeptide according to any one of claims 17 to 20~~ for detection or diagnosis of streptococcal infection comprising a polypeptide

according to claim 17 ~~any one of claims 17 to 20~~, and instructions for use of the
polypeptide in the detection or diagnosis of streptococcal infection.--